

## SICK PLANTS NURSED BY UNCLE SAM'S HIGH SALARIED "PLANT DOCTOR"

Washington, D. C.—Coddling sick grape vines and nursing ailing blackberry bushes is the every-day occupation of Mrs. Flora Wambaugh Patterson, one of the highest salaried women in the employment of the United States government.

In the national bureau of plant industry Mrs. Patterson is known as "chief of the department of pathological collections and director of mycological exchange," which in plain



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English means that all plants and shrubs imported into the United States must be examined by Mrs. Patterson and her assistants before they are distributed to the farmers and the gardeners throughout the country.

This woman scientist stands as a shield between the American farmer and the plant disease germs of Europe.

It's Mrs. Patterson's business to bar from this country any plant affected by fungus disease or any infection that might be disastrous to the agricultural interests of the country.

Each shipment of blackberry bushes, grape vines or mushrooms is carefully inspected. If a tendency to disease is discovered, the affected plants are sent into quarantine, just